

ADDITIONAL RURAL ROUTE FACILITIES FOR CLARK COUNTY

Postoffice Department Authorizes Changes in Routes 2, 4 and 5—
Several Carriers and Their Salaries Raised.

Postmaster R. R. Perry in company with Hon. John W. Langley was before the postoffice at Washington last Saturday, December 12, to procure additional postal facilities for Clark county. The success of their efforts is shown by the following letter:

December 17, 1908.

The Postmaster, Winchester, Ky.:

Sir:—Recurring to your personal call at the Department on the twelfth instant, at which time you left communication signed by Jonathan Johnston and others, alleging that they were inconvenienced by reason of the change in rural route No. 4, which withdrew service north from the Trumbull corner, you are advised that in order to afford closer service to these people an extension of one mile north from the Trumbull corner and retrace is hereby authorized and you will have the route served in accordance with the description which is enclosed herewith, effective January 1, 1909.

You are also directed to amend rural routes 2 and 5 in accordance with descriptions submitted by Post Office Inspector Cleary in report on inspection of the rural service from your office. These changes should also be made effective on January 1, 1909.

When you have made these changes in the routes, you will report your action to the Department, using the enclosed form.

Additional boxes erected on rural routes should be numbered in accordance with the directions contained in paragraph 69, Rural Delivery Instructions.

Very respectfully,

P. V. DeGRAW,

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General
Detailed Description of Rural Route No. 2, (Amended.)

Beginning at the post office, the carrier will go thence:

	Miles.
West to the city limits.....	.84
Southwest to Boonesboro (disc) 7.66	
Northeasterly to Becknersville (disc).....	5.03
Northwest and north to the Salem S. H.	2.08
East and northeast to the Pruitt corner.....	1.97
Northwest to Printt's gate, .45 miles and retrace.....	.90
Southeast to the McClure cor-	

DECLAMATION CONTEST AT K. W. C. TUESDAY

Preparatory Students to Strive For Gold Medal Awarded Winner.

The following students of the Preparatory Department of Kentucky Wesleyan College will engage in a declamation contest, next Tuesday, December 22, at 3:30 p. m. in the small chapel of the college:

Frank Mac Neil—"Patrick Henry's call to Arms."
Thomas H. Harrison—"The Arena scene from 'Ono Vadis.'"
William D. Clark—"Plea for Cuba."

John Carter Taylor—"A Message from Boney."

A gold medal is to be awarded by the Principal of the Preparatory; and the public is cordially invited to attend the exercises.

THIEF GETTING READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Enters Hen Coop of W. T. Gilbert and Steals Turkey and Chickens.

A thief entered the hen coop of W. T. Gilbert Thursday night and appropriated a large fat Turkey and several chickens.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license was issued Saturday morning to Mr. John M. Rainey and Miss Charlotte Abner, both of this county.

PURCHASING GIFTS FOR POOR

Citizens Are Asked to Contribute to Santa Claus Association.

The committee appointed by the Santa Claus Association to purchase presents, fruits, candies, nuts and fire-works for the children, to whom Santa Claus would not pay a visit, but for this Association, has completed its work and are now busily engaged in arranging the various packages.

The committee has done its work well, but our liberal-minded citizens are not responding as they should. The Financial Committee advises that so far they have only received \$11 in subscriptions. This is not enough to pay for the candies alone, but the association, believing in the liberality of this community have made their purchases and prepared Santa Claus for the little children, feeling that the citizens will yet contribute liberally.

This is the best cause that anyone can give to for Christmas, and we urge upon our citizens to send at once contributions of money for this work. The money may be left with Mr. John M. Hodgkin, at the Peoples State Bank, or with Mr. Joe R. Martin or Mr. B. R. Jonett. The committee feels that it has provided for all of the children in town, but if anyone knows of any who have been left out, you are urged to send the name at once to Mrs. C. E. Lydane.

\$500,000 APPROPRIATION HELD CONSTITUTIONAL

Court of Appeals Holds University and State Normal Bills To Be Good.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 19.—The Court of Appeals, Justice Settle writing, declared the \$500,000 appropriation for the State University and Normal Schools provided for in the Sullivan-Burnam law constitutional. This appropriation was made by the last Legislature, and suit was brought when the Auditor refused to issue the warrant.

The case was heard by Judge Stout, who decided in favor of the schools, whereupon Auditor James took an appeal.

Of the \$500,000 appropriation, State University at Lexington gets \$200,000, and the Eastern Normal School at Richmond, and Western Normal School at Bowling Green, \$150,000 each.

The opinion of the Appellate Court affirms completely the judgment of the lower court by Circuit Judge Stout, holding that of the lump appropriation of \$500,000 for the three institutions one-third is due now, and that of the additional \$70,000 annual appropriation for the institutions \$30,000 for the Western Normal and \$20,000 each for the Eastern Normal and the State University is payable for the current fiscal year.

Auditor Frank P. James, who brought the suit to test the constitutionality of the big school appropriation, had little to say when told that the Court of Appeals had decided that the appropriation is valid. He said: "I stand ready to draw my warrants for the money as stated in the act out of such funds as are not otherwise appropriated," but the question of final payment of these warrants rests with the State Treasurer.

"Of course, if there is no money in the State Treasury, the warrants cannot be paid. While we are paying cash on warrants now, this will not last long, as we are running on the school fund, and the school teachers must have their money. It will be but a short time under present conditions, to say nothing of the big appropriation, until there will be nothing in the Treasury to pay warrants."

EPISCOPAL CHURCH LADIES MAKE \$70.

Sale at Kidwell's Drug Store Was Quite a Success.

The sale given by the ladies of the Episcopal church at Kidwell's Drug Store yesterday was quite a success, in every way. There was \$70 taken in altogether during the day.

NINE JURORS CHOSEN TO TRY BEACH HARGIS

Trial Now Expected to Last Beyond Christmas and Witnesses Restless.

IRVINE, Ky., Dec. 19.—Court, adjourned at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, no more veniremen for the trial of Beach Hargis having arrived than were present in the forenoon. Only nine jurors have been formally accepted, as follows:

W. G. Blackwell, Sampson Curry, Travis Daniel, William Witt, Joe Todd, Tillman Witt, H. B. Garrett, Bigelow Cox and Kash Price.

These men will sit in judgment in the trial of the young patricide, and as the other summoned jurors have already had time to arrive, it will not take long this morning to complete the jury.

Anxious to Hear Testimony.

The people generally are becoming anxious to hear the testimony and some of the witnesses are becoming clamorous because of having to remain away from home possibly through the Christmas holidays.

At one time it was believed by most every one that the trial would end two or three days before Christmas, but the delay in selecting the jury is likely to cause the trial to last until after the new year.

Dr. W. H. Hogg Arrives.

Dr. W. H. Hogg, of Jackson, brother-in-law of the defendant, arrived in town late yesterday and will probably remain here during the trial. The most the defense hopes in this case is to secure a hung jury and thereby obtain bail. This probably would give the defendant temporary freedom.

CALLAHAN TELLS ABOUT BREATHITT TROUBLES

Former Sheriff of County Denies Many Reports Put in Circulation.

Irvine, Ky., Dec. 19.—Edward Callahan, former Sheriff of Breathitt county, against whom warrants are said to have been issued in Jackson, and who is here attending the trial of Beach Hargis for the murder of his former chief, Judge Jim Hargis, discussed his latest troubles.

He said that previous to the shooting of Rice Sebastian, one week ago last night, he had been on friendly and, in fact, on intimate terms with every man engaged in the dastardly offense of shooting into his home with the evident purpose of killing himself and members of his family.

Callahan said that at the time of the shooting he was in his store at Crockettville talking with several friends when the crowd rode by on horseback and began firing into his store and his dwelling house nearby. He said he ran to his home and took his wife and young son, Hargis Callahan, aged 7 years, and named for Judge Hargis, to the rear of the store to keep them from being killed and while he was engaged in the lawful protection of his family his friends within the store answered the fire and wounded Rice Sebastian and killed a mule ridden by Willie Deaton. He said he did not learn until the next morning who was in the party and would not have known then had not Deaton sent him word that if he would pay him \$135 for the mule nothing more would be said. He refused this offer, he said, and supposed the swearing out of the warrants was the result.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

There was a call meeting of the Board of Education Friday night. J. N. Hisle was elected chairman, pro tem.

Salaries and accounts were allowed.

A committee composed of Messrs. Arthur Adams, Frank Ford, Grant Hammond and Arthur Owens, representing the Tam O'Shanter society, asked the board to arrange to have electric and gas light placed in the High School chapel. The request was granted.

It was ordered that the school should close Wednesday afternoon for the Christmas holiday and resume work on the morning of January 4.

The invitation of Prof. Garvin for the Board of Education to attend the session of the State Colored Teachers' Association at the opera house, December 29 to 31 accepted.

VENEZUELA MAY LOSE PRESIDENT

Germans Believe Castro Will Never Return—Left To Escape Turmoil.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—Both the German foreign office and President Castro to discredit the report that Venezuela has declared war against the Netherlands. The foreign office takes the ground that even if hostilities have been declared, the declaration can not become effective because Venezuela is in no position to carry a campaign beyond its own borders, and Holland will not exceed the limits of its retaliatory course as already fixed and known to the United States.

The feeling is also growing here that President Castro left South America not because of illness, but to escape the political turmoil, and he has no intention of ever returning. The German government has information stating that it is uncertain whether Vice President Gomez will become president of the republic or whether a provisional government will be organized under another head. Gomez is believed to be still true to Castro.

President Castro still persists in giving out denials that any trouble occurred in Caracas Dec. 14, when an infuriated mob made a demonstration against the absent president and his followers. Castro is to be transferred to Professor Israel's private sanitarium tomorrow for a week of observation to determine whether an operation is necessary. Senora Castro and part of her husband's suite will also enter the hospital with the president. The entire first floor has been engaged for them.

GRAFTERS SENTENCED

Imprisonment and Fines Imposed on Pennsylvania Men.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 19.—Judge Kunkel imposed the following sentence upon men convicted on March 13 of the charge of conspiracy to defraud the state in contracts for supplying furniture to the new state capitol: J. H. Sanderson, W. P. Snyder, W. L. Mathews and J. M. Shumaker, \$500 fine and two years' imprisonment, the maximum penalty. A motion for a supersedeas that an appeal may be taken to the superior court was made at once.

The men were convicted of defrauding the state out of \$19,308 in a contract for wooden furniture. Other charges involved large sums in the aggregate. They were tried last spring and last week they were refused a new trial. The men convicted were tried a second time and acquitted on a charge of defrauding the state in a metal furniture contract.

Stop Work on Theater.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 19.—The court of appeals reversed the decision of Judge O'Doherty of the Jefferson circuit court in the case growing out of the validity of the building permit granted to Rudolph Hynicka of Cincinnati, under which Hynicka is building a theater in Louisville and which is now nearly completed. The court of appeals holds "the building permit in this case was granted in violation of the ordinance of the city of Louisville and was unauthorized and void, and conferred neither right nor protection to those operating under it."

COMMISSION ORGANIZES

Will Outline Work of Investigating New York Exchanges.

New York, Dec. 19.—The commission appointed by Governor Hughes to investigate the New York exchanges organized formally at the headquarters of the state banking department. Horace White was made chairman. Two committees, one on plan and scope and the other on ways and means, were appointed.

The commission will hold its next session on Dec. 26. The position of secretary to the committee has been offered to Maurice L. Muhleman, formerly deputy assistant treasurer of the United States.

Automobile Victim Dies.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 19.—As the result of being run down a month ago by the motor car of William B. Ridgely, former comptroller of the currency and until recently president of the National Bank of Commerce here, Mrs. Byrl Greer of this city died. Mrs. Greer recently entered suit against the former comptroller for \$25,000 damages on account of her injuries.

Banquet Takahira Tonight.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador, left here for New York city, where tonight he will be the guest of honor at a dinner given by the Lotus club.

KNOX TO HAVE ROOT'S PLACE

Taft Announces Second Cabinet Position—Senator Accepts Position.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 19.—William H. Taft, president-elect of the United States, has announced the appointment of United States Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania as secretary of state in his cabinet.

The announcement followed the receipt by Mr. Taft of a telegram conveying the information from Mr. Knox that he would accept the premiership of the Taft cabinet. Mr. Taft without delay made the announcement that the matter was settled. In giving the details of the negotiations he said that the offer was made to Mr. Knox last Sunday morning in New York, and that since the offer he had not heard from Mr. Knox until the telegram of acceptance came. After a consultation with Secretary Root in Washington last Sunday afternoon Mr. Taft said he made an effort to see the Pennsylvania senator there, but was informed that he was in New York to attend the dinner of the Pennsylvania society. He wired Mr. Knox to see him at Henry W. Taft's residence Monday morning. The appointment was kept.

"I feel that I am to be congratulated in securing the service of Senator Knox in my cabinet," said Judge Taft, in making the announcement, and making the same with the understanding that he was to be quoted.

"In selecting a secretary of state I wanted, first, a great lawyer, and second, a man who would fill the public eye not only here but abroad, as a man who stands out pre-eminently as a great American. Mr. Knox was a great attorney general; he was a prominent candidate for the presidency, and is recognized in the senate and elsewhere as one of the great lawyers of that body."

Judge Taft also feels that from a political viewpoint the selection of Mr. Knox is most happy. He explained that there was often a feeling that the state of Pennsylvania, with its assured Republican majority, often was slighted in the matter of recognition in the high councils of the party. That this will not be the case in the next administration was indicated by the announcement by Mr. Taft that he should invite Senator Knox to come to Augusta, with reference to filling out places in his cabinet. In fact, he said that he felt the need of such advice as he should be able to obtain from Mr. Knox regarding not only the cabinet, but many matters preliminary to the beginning of his administration. That Mr. Knox's influence will be potent was freely admitted by Mr. Taft.

The hesitation of Senator Knox to make a more speedy decision is attributed here to his desire to arrange with due regard for the interests of the party and his state for relinquishing his seat in the senate. Mr. Taft evinced by many evidences his gratification at the decision which had been reached.

Philippine Judge.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The president will soon send to the senate the nomination of Sherman Moreland of Elmira, N. Y., to be associate justice of the supreme court of the Philippine Islands. The vacancy to which Mr. Moreland is appointed was created by the resignation of Judge J. F. Tracy, to whom the president has written a strong letter in commendation of his services to the government.

TWELVE POISONED

Water in Well Comes Near Proving Fatal to Kentuckians.

Danville, Ky., Dec. 19.—Twelve people were poisoned as the result of drinking poisoned water at Campbellsville, southwest of here, the eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Brent Powell, together with Mr. and Mrs. William Denson and their two children, who were the guests of the Powells, being the victims.

For a time it appeared as if all would die of the effects of the poison, but the doctors now believe most of them will recover. How the water became poisoned can not be ascertained.

Fred, Lied Sentenced.

Columbus, O., Dec. 19.—Fred Lied, former director of public service, was sentenced to serve four years in the penitentiary at hard labor after his motion for a new trial had been overruled. Notice of the filing of an appeal to the circuit court was filed at once by Lied's attorneys and the sentence was suspended pending a decision by the higher court. Bond was fixed at \$5,000. Lied was convicted of accepting a bribe from a street paving company.